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STAMPS

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

In response to the Official Action dated November 25, 2002,
Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

The Examiner in the Official Action has again rejected claims 12, 14, 18-23, 25, and 29-34 under 135 USC § 103(a) for the reasons set forth therein. Basically, the Examiner has reiterated the Examiner's previous rejection. The Examiner has responded to applicant's previous response with the statements set forth in paragraph 3. Applicant would like to respond directly to the Examiner's response.

First, applicant would like to note that the Gasper et al. patent does not teach a stamp as taught and claimed by applicant. The Examiner states that Gasper et al. does indeed teach a stamp in its "broadest sense". The Examiner goes on to cite the Random House Dictionary for stamp. In this regard, applicant